

[DOWNHOLE SAMPLING APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR USING SAME]

Abstract

A method and apparatus is provided to sample formation fluid. Formation fluid is drawn from the subterranean formation into the downhole tool and collected in a sample chamber. An exit flow line is operatively connected to the sample chamber for selectively removing a contaminated and/or clean portion of the formation fluid from the sample chamber whereby contamination is removed from the sample chamber. For example, a clean portion of the formation fluid may be passed to another sample chamber for collection, or a contaminated portion may be dumped into the borehole.